

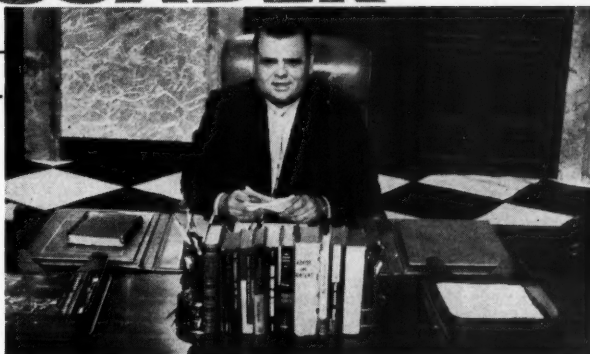
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NCC "CHRISTIANITY" IN ACTION

The WEEKLY CRUSADER, Volume 1, No. 15, told of the fate of 29 American missionaries who were arrested by Congolese troops while seeking to flee the terror of the Congo. We pointed out that the most logical group to speak out against the maltreatment of American missionaries would be the National Council of Churches. However, the quasi-ecclesiastical body was evidently too engrossed in drafting more socialistic legislation for they ignored the incident completely.

The United Press International released a story on April 23 that parallels the tragic Congo situation, only involving many more individuals and with much more severe consequences. The UPI report was printed in the Tulsa *World* and is reported here as follows:

"President (of Guatemala) Miguel Ydigoras Fuentes charged Sunday that the Fidel Castro regime is using Chinese Communists to torture Cuban rebels captured in last week's abortive invasion attempt.

TYPICAL COMMUNIST ACTIVITY

"... (The government) quoted the mysterious radio transmission from Cuba as saying the prisoners were being subjected to 'horrible tortures' to force them into 'fantastic statements' connecting Guatemala, the U.S. and other Latin Nations with the invasion.

"... The Chinese Communists in Cuba have not only been driving T-34 Soviet tanks (against the invaders) but have also set up special torture chambers.

"The Cuban prisoners captured after the landing as they headed toward the Escambray Mountains are undergoing truly extreme tortures . . .

"... We ask that you pray to God for these poor young Cuban patriots who are in the clutches of Asiatic torturers and suffering the most horrible treatment and being chopped into pieces after their appearances before the television cameras.

"Even the Cuban jailers have been horrified by what they have seen these foreigners do to the flesh and nerves of the prisoners. Please do something."

It would be difficult for any Christian to ignore such an impassioned plea from the witnesses to barbarity and cruelty committed by the Communist beasts. But we predict that the National Council of Churches, with their usual unconcern for the oppressed masses, will again overlook such tyranny.

NCC — IMMUNE TO SUFFERING

The National Council of Churches has a curious way of ignoring the savagery and atrocities of the Chinese Communists and used their Fifth World Order Study Conference, in Cleveland, 1958, to press for the recognition of Red China in the United Nations. There was no need, it seems, for the Chinese Communist government to first achieve the level of decent law and order and humane recognition of the Chinese masses before attempting to negotiate world problems with them. The fact that millions are starving today in China due to the bungling commune system has also failed to arouse the ire of National Council of Churches leaders, even though constituent churches have spent millions of dollars in the past sending missionaries to China in both spiritual and humanitarian efforts.

The National Council of Churches leaders say that they are against Communism but consistently pass resolutions which lend aid and comfort to the conspiracy. There is another group of clergymen who are not so easily fooled, however.

A group of 103 ministers who have lived under Communist slavery in Russia or Eastern European satellite states have no illusions about the Kremlin slave masters. They know a Communist is a Communist no matter where he dominates. They know that the same humanitarian bestiality characterizes Communists everywhere — especially toward Christians.

EXPERIENCE VOICES OBJECTION

With Dr. A. Vocebus, of Maywood, Illinois as their spokesman, the refugee clergymen had the following to say about the NCC's Red China resolution:

"It comes as a shock to us that the Study Conference of the National Council of Churches went so far as to find it possible to support unanimously the recognition of Red China, the 'competitive coexistence,' and co-operation with Communist regimes. The Council is now engaged in a large-scale endeavor to gather nationwide support to these propositions.

"Since these are far-reaching decisions, involving momentous issues which affect the meaning of Christian faith, and since their implications are extremely dangerous, everyone who has a scintilla of Christian responsibility must raise his voice in warning. It is our duty to speak, and we, as leading clergymen, bishops, deans, professors, priests and pastors, speak in unison as representatives of numerous churches from the enslaved countries of Europe, including Byelorussia, Bohemia, Croatia, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Russia, Slovakia and the Ukraine. We do not speak only on behalf of our Christians in freedom, but as eyewitnesses to the ordeal and agony of those peoples whose suffering remains our suffering, we must speak on behalf of all our peoples in slavery. Above all, the

voice of our fellow Christians under the Cross must become vocal.

UNREALISTIC VIEWS EXPOSED

"It is beyond our comprehension that such naive and uncritical thinking can lead to a realistic appraisal of current world problems. As those who have gone through the inferno under the Soviets, who have seen the unmasked face of the beast, who have felt its teeth on our bodies and have learned its aims, methods and its most subtle means, we are qualified to say something which is ripened in experience and tested by the realities of life. And this we have to say with the intention that that which has happened to us, and our peoples in the Soviet grip, might not happen to this nation and the rest of the world.

"1. The Cleveland decision to work for the recognition of Red China dishonors Christianity . . . Whenever the Christian sense of life is alive, it must belong to the victims of the horrible annihilation which goes on in China exceeding anything imaginable . . .

"2. . . A genuine Christian concern would not only reject every attempt toward recognition, but would demand the inclusion of the representatives and the voice of all the enslaved nations in the UN in order to give more meaning to this organization.

"3. The damage that the Cleveland decisions cause, is incalculable. This is a blow to those hundreds of millions of slaves for whose blood, sufferings and agony the present so-called peace has been bought. Decisions like these throw the sufferers into resignation and destroy their faith in justice and truths which should unite all the believers. This is exactly what the Soviets could not destroy, but with the help of the victims' fellow Christians in the free world, this can be accomplished.

"4. We must say that the Cleveland decisions appear to have come from the lips of the men in the Kremlin. If, indeed, the endeavors of Christians so well fit with the aspiration and expansion of the Soviets, those ruthless destroyers of God's creation, it is self evident how far the ideas of the Kremlin have succeeded in influencing the Christians.

WHAT ACTUALLY MOTIVATES NCC?

"5. . . It is alarming that the desire to arrive at these decisions is greater than the interest in the true Christian understanding of life, ethics, and justice as the only basis for a truly Christian approach. Those who leave this ground become themselves confused and lead others toward chaos.

"6. The Cleveland decision reveals also an astounding lack of realism in understanding the true nature of the Soviet menace and its aims. It is a tragedy that many who have been instrumental in the Cleveland decisions, having used

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A CRY OVER SPILT MILK: THE RUSSIAN SPACE TRIUMPH

WASHINGTON: A CONSERVATIVE ADMISSION

The Russian triumph in Gagarin's space flight is unchallenged. It is hard to argue with success! It is equally hard to overlook the fact that American prestige has been dealt its heaviest blow in a decade. A Government built on terror, genocide and a false social ideology has managed to score a historical feat equivalent to the circumnavigation of the globe in its days. Russian techniques that accomplished this were largely taken from Hitler's V-Rockets and the scientific German talent that was driven into Russian arms by "War crimes tribunals" and "Fragenboten" chicaneries. Washington official reactions are very interesting in taking this hurdle.

President Kennedy has put in sound perspective the momentous news of the Soviet Union's manned orbital flight. While warmly congratulating Premier Khrushchev and "Cosmonaut" Yuri Gagarin for this truly great and spectacular achievement, he has plainly indicated that he regards the United States as being still very much in the space race even though "we are behind" and must face the fact that "it will be some time before we catch up."

There can be no doubt that the psychological and political impact of the event will be more than helpful to Soviet policy in many parts of the world. Mr. Khrushchev has made clear in gloating language, that he intends to exploit this latest of Russia's "firsts" with the utmost vigor.

This challenge will be met. Project Mercury is moving forward at its planned pace, and within a matter of weeks — possibly before the end of the month — one of its seven Astronauts will be rocketed on a sub-orbital flight. Then, late this year, he will be fired into orbit for perhaps three trips around the globe at a speed of approximately 18,000 miles an hour. In that

respect, "catching up" with the USSR is not a distant prospect.

However, since they started working on big ballistic missiles six or eight years before we did, the Russians are likely to stay ahead of us for a considerable time. The thrust power of our own rocketry (this does not affect our ICBM capabilities) will not begin to equal or excel theirs until around 1964-5. Meanwhile, however, our country, not less than the Soviet Union, will be making steady progress toward human space travel.

It is not improbable that the Soviet Union will accomplish feats of this sort a year or two before us — and conceivably their successes could develop into a massive military threat, though there are many experts who think vehicles like "space platforms" have been vastly over-rated as potential weapons.

The President, in his personal message to Mr. Khrushchev, has declared, "It is my sincere desire that in the continuing quest for knowledge of outer space our nations can work together to obtain the greatest benefit to mankind."

This dignified and restrained reaction to an event that could easily lead to national "panic" is in sharp contrast with considerable bitterness in Congress and in some segments of the local press; *note the editorial trends.*

WASHINGTON: RED SPACE FEAT A SCANDAL

It is a national scandal that the Russians have been the first to shoot a man around the world in a space ship and bring him back alive.

Responsible officials of the United States have known for years that the same feat could be achieved by this rich and powerful country. They had every reason to believe that it also could be and would be done by the Russians.

The politicians who must make the decisions on which the survival of the United States depends ducked. They lacked the determination to put an end to Pentagon competition over which service should make the space effort.

Thus, the United States is still dawdling and falling behind in the space race, and all the propaganda in the world cannot hide the fact from any corner of the earth.

Amid fanfare, astronauts are being trained who have already sold the publication rights to a story which can only be an anti-climax to the Russian triumph. Rarely has the cart been put before the horse on such a scale.

President Kennedy and his new administration must face up to the harsh fact that Russia performed first an epic feat which was possible but forsworn by the United States.

At the very moment the Russians were orbiting their air force major, members of Congress were complacently telling reporters that while the voters like President Kennedy much better than on election day, they don't really care about his program. Yet they admitted that the people are thinking about the problem of peace or war and are uneasy, if not apprehensive.

Despite encouraging statements, there is deep gloom in scientific circles. They had hoped against their better judgment that somehow this country would encompass a space first.

The issue is not involved with present cessation of nuclear testing, the hard choice Mr. Kennedy may soon be called upon to review. The Russian feat may lead to cries for resumption of such tests, and many experienced people believe they should be resumed, but the space fiasco is not connected with it.

WHY THE SURPRISE? PRECISELY WORDED ADVANCE WARNING: FEB. 21, 1943

(a) GENERAL FRANCO TO THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR

On the 21st February 1943, the Spanish Government dangling between the devil and the deep sea, between Hitler and the British navicerts, expressed its fears about Russia and the virus of International Communism in a memorandum addressed by Count Jordana, the Foreign Minister to the British Ambassador in Madrid, in the expectation that it would be relayed to the latter's Government.

"... Our alarm about the Russian advance is shared not only by the neutral Nations but also by all those people in Europe who have not lost the faculty of sensitive perception and fear. Communism is an enormous menace for the World and now that it is supported by the victorious Armies of a great power, all those who are not blind must be discouraged.

"We who neither enter nor wish to enter the war, can see events with great impartiality. If the course of the war continues unaltered, it is evident that the Russian Armies will penetrate deeply into German territory. If this occurs, the major peril to the Continent and to England will be a Sovietized Germany which will distribute to Russia its secrets and manufactures of war, its engineers, its technicians and specialists, giving them the opportunity to create a fabulous Empire from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

"Is there any power in Central Europe, in this mosaic of nations and races without consistency and unit, ruined and shorn by occupation, which could contain the ambitions of Stalin? Evidently not. We can be sure that Communism will reign supreme in these nations after occupation.

"For this reason we consider the situation extremely serious and we appeal to the good judgment of the British people that they may reflect on this situation: that if Russia occupies Germany, nothing, nobody can contain her. If Germany did not exist, Europeans would have to invent her and it would be ridiculous to think that Germany's place could be taken by a Federation of Lithuanians, Poles, Czechs and Romanians which would be rapidly transformed into a Federation of Sovietized States..."

This was seventeen years ago. Masaryk was still alive. He had not yet plunged from a window of the Hradschin, to die on a medieval stone pavement ten stories below. Poland, Bulgaria and Romania were just beginning to feel the grip of terror.

(b) THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR TO GENERAL FRANCO

All this has come to pass. Franco's warning was prophetic. Russian Armies have penetrated and are lodged in German Territory. They are in Berlin today. German secrets of manufactures of war, its engineers, technicians and specialists have fallen into the hands of the Kremlin slave drivers and the result of this enforced collaboration became dramatically public with the whine of the first Sputnik in our days. Franco's warning was ignored.¹

After polite deliberation, His Britannic Majesty's Ambassador replied as follows:

"... Thank you for your memorandum. It is reasonable that we should exchange our pre-occupations and fears. I hope to show you that these fears have no basis. You say that a Russian victory will bring as a consequence the triumph of Communism in European countries. Our point of view is quite the opposite.

¹ Your Editor takes grim satisfaction in having recognized years ago the significance of the Spanish position, the potential of Russian technological break-through (based on German technical know-how). This material was published in 1952 in an essay entitled: "European Notes on the International and Domestic Policies of the Roosevelt-Truman Regime 1933-1952." (Sucesores de Rivadeneyra S.A. Madrid, Spain)

"Let us look at the argument that a Russian victory will draw Europe into Communism and will mean the Russian domination of Europe after the war. But is any single nation going to be capable of dominating Europe after this war? Russia, first of all, is going to be forced to engage in reconstruction on a grand scale and will depend for help on the British Empire and the United States. Besides, Russia will not win the war to any preponderant extent. The military forces will be a common one and the victory will be by all the Allies.

"The probable situation at the end of the war will be the following: Large American and British Armies will occupy the European Continent. These Armies will be equipped with the best arms of all kinds. They will consist of fresh troops of the first rank, which will not be the case with the exhausted Russian Army. I will presume to offer the prophecy that (after the war) the strongest military power in Europe indisputably will be Great Britain.

"Consequently, it seems to me that the British influence will be the most preponderant which Europe has seen since the fall of Napoleon. This influence will be supported by an enormous military power.

"I do not accept therefore, the thesis that a post-war Russian peril to Europe will exist. Nor can I accept the idea that Russia will launch an anti-European policy at the end of the struggle . . ."

The British elite in diplomacy, in this critical period, on whose judgment and anticipation largely depended the fate of the Empire and those who supported it fatuously, like the United States, is typified by Ambassador Sir Samuel Hoare, in Madrid, an old-time diplomat of wide experience. *He was certainly no better or worse than other British Foreign Service representatives abroad and, for that matter, of other countries, including the fledglings of the American State Department.*

(c) THE ROOTS GO DEEPER: THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR IN MADRID

In this period, Roosevelt, or his intimate advisors, went to extraordinary lengths to support the Soviets. They created the myth of a righteous and invincible Russia. In doing so, they used the worst of diplomatic judgment. This is reflected in an exchange of views between Count Jordana and Mr. Carlton Hayes, the American Ambassador in October 1943, a few months after Sir Samuel Hoare had recorded his own chef d'oeuvre.

Someone in Washington was very touchy about the reputation of the Soviets: Carlton Hayes would not have written this piece on his own. His philosophic platitudes will have to be read against the backdrop of history. Communist perfidy was already on the record. World War II was exclusively predicated on the crimi-

nal connivance between Hitler and Stalin. The subversive infiltration of the Comintern was known even then. Moscow had manipulated the *"International Brigades"* in the Spanish Civil War, the war which set the pattern of terror through the *"Cheka"* and the N.K.V.D. Said Hayes:

". . . My Government has not the slightest interest in the internal politics of Spain but is much interested in her foreign policies especially as regards attitudes towards the countries at war.

"I am profoundly concerned with the constant attacks against Russia, in the Spanish Press. I do not refer to Spain's general opposition to Communism but to specific declarations which confuse Communism with Russia, one of our principal Allies.

"Communism in the final count, is essentially an internal problem. If conditions that favor Communism do not exist in a country, there is no reason why it should go Communist. It is unrealistic to assume that a country could dominate an internal threat of Communism by external publicity against Russia.

"From the viewpoint of security, Spain will expose itself to retaliation by Russia. If victory is gained, Russia will have an important voice in the peace conference and international adjustments."

"My Government does not subscribe to the theory that the current war will have to end with war on Communism. My Government foresees continued collaboration of the United States with Russia after the end of the War.

"My Government does not view favorably Spain's attitude toward Russia. This attitude is an obstacle to good relations between our countries. It might prejudice what benefits Spain might otherwise receive . . ."

There is here a nuance of threat, the Rooseveltian "big stick." We were then furnishing, or rather selling, Spain some essential raw materials. It is the same "nuance" that was applied by Marshall in his dealings with Chiang Kai-shek.

Count Jordana replied within a few days. He gave Hayes a diplomatic "out" by suggesting that this exchange of views was a personal expression (as Hayes himself stated) since as an official communication, it was not likely to impress the mass of the Spanish people as a friendly item touching on internal sovereignty.

". . . We appreciate that war psychosis affects a belligerent country and that everything is subordinated

² This also was a sort of "forecast." Immediately after the Potsdam Agreement (which delivered all of Mid-Eastern Europe to the Russian slave-masters) the drive started toward formulating the United Nations' concept. One of the very first acts of this body (now revealed in its impotence and duplicity at the time of the Hungarian Revolution) was to start a diplomatic boycott against Spain, at the behest of Stalin, who had never forgiven General Franco for the trouncing that the latter gave the Russian controlled Communist Brigades, in the Spanish Civil War 1936-1939.

to victory. On the other hand, a neutral country has a duty to look ahead and beyond immediate military success.

"Long before the war, the world was confronted with a spiritual problem generated by revolutionary masses, estranged from God, dedicated to improve economic conditions through unscrupulous violence. This trend is known by the generic term of Communism. This war is transitory but the revolutionary trend continues. I am surprised that your Excellency considers that this vast revolutionary movement could be controlled simply by improving the living conditions of the masses — as if it did not have millions of partisans in countries with very high economic levels. No, my dear Ambassador, this is not an economic problem alone, it is a grave spiritual problem in which revolutionary masses are taught that morality is only bourgeois 'prejudice' and that there is no higher judge to account for their actions, a concept which removes all restraint and launches them to destroy all obstacles to their brutal instincts.

"The Spanish Communist movement was organized by Moscow agents. Every form of subversion in all countries is promptly supported by Russia. The Soviets have raised the banner of rebellion against our form of society. The Soviets accept the dictatorship of the proletariat to be imposed by revolution. After sowing the seeds of Communism for thirty years, the Soviet military success is a hopeful invitation to complete social subversion everywhere. Spain does not attack Russia; it only tries to defend itself against Communism. We have ample justification to talk about this subject since we have quite recently gone through the agonies of a Communist revolution which, in Madrid alone, has a record of thousands of assassinations. For twenty-five years, under the Kingdom and the Republic, we have refused to establish relations with the Soviets.

"My country does not share your view and will maintain its reserve. When the Soviets stop being Communist and promoting subversion throughout the world, we Spaniards will be pleased to extend a fraternal hand to the Russian Nation . . ."

Editorial Note: In view of the national importance of the Russian space scoop, the evolution of this event requires special editorial effort. There will be additional chapters under the general Heading: "A Cry Over Spilled Milk." The next issue will deal with the underlying causes of this impressive Russian triumph.

"NATIONAL COUNCIL" (From Page 2)

Christ's name in the interest of the expansion of slavery, have on their part already contributed to the nameless suffering, chaos and anguish which others have to bear."

Former NCC President, Edwin T. Dahlberg, defended the Council's stand on Red China in an interview reported in the *Waco News-Tribune*, March 6,

1961. Though Mr. Dahlberg ignored the plight of millions who are suffering in China at the hands of the Communist murderers, he did answer his critics with this illogical double-talk:

"The National Council of Churches is definitely commissioned to speak out on all matters pertaining to the witness of Christ in this present world." According to the newspaper account "he explained that churches are under an obligation to interpret moral and spiritual issues of the time in the light of the teachings of Jesus Christ."

Rev. Dahlberg further stated: "We would be faithless to both our country and to our Savior if we did not seek to clarify the controversial questions of our time."

THE PROPHETIC VOICE?

The *Dallas Morning News*, March 7, 1961 reported Rev. Dahlberg as saying NCC critics represent "three forces of reaction — theological, economic, and super-patriotic." He further emphasized that these were the "forces in society that would silence the prophetic voice of the church. They said to us, 'You may speak about the Sunday School . . . about prayer, or about comfort . . . but beware of meddling in matters pertaining to economic justice, race relations, or world peace.'"

To Dr. Dahlberg, speaking for the "alleged prophetic voice of the church," the NCC economic justice is the complete ruin of established economy as is now experienced in China, Cuba and other Soviet satellite states. Race relations evidently justifies Chinese Communists torturing Cuban invaders bent on liberating their countrymen from the Communist yoke. World peace obviously has no relation to the millions who are suffering and dying at the hands of Communist dictators in every part of the world. Dr. Dahlberg's contempt for such minute details as these was expressed in this statement by the callous leader: "May God forgive us if in this crucial hour of human history we give way to these pressures and content ourselves with dealing only in the realm of Mickey Mouse morals."

OPPOSITION AT GRASS ROOTS

The feeling of more and more clergymen and lay people against the National Council of Churches was expressed in a message by Garden Grove, California pastor Reverend Robert Schuller. Rev. Schuller's church is a member of the NCC and in the past he has defended the Council. Recent actions by the NCC prompted the cleric to strongly denounce the Council in the following message reported in the *Garden Grove News*:

"The outcry of 'Judas' was raised today by a Garden Grove minister against the National Council of Churches to which his own congregation belongs.

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"... Schuller, who for three summers took Norman Vincent Peale's pulpit in Marble Collegiate Church of New York, blasted the National Council's repeated stands on issues involving communism.

"Now the church, too, has always had its Judas," he declared, "and in my opinion it would be the height of self-righteousness and credulity for the church to proudly assume that it has managed to keep out of its ranks today the spirit of men who would betray the church into the hands of sinners."

Then Schuller mentioned the NCC published reading list, the December NCC pronouncement for America to subordinate its will to the UN, and the warning against "Operation Abolition."

In regard to these issues, the report quoted the pastor as saying, "They do not speak for me in this issue."

"Schuller cautioned against suspicion of every liberal Protestant minister. He denounced that as sin.

"But he called on the Protestant clergy and the National Council itself to agree to a 'clean, honest, fair investigation into the problem of Communist infiltration into the church.'

"What have we to fear, what have we to hide?" he challenged."

One of the strongest and most effective steps yet taken by any National Council of Churches Member group was made recently by a Special Vestry Committee of St. Mark's Protestant Episcopal Church in Shreveport, La. The report, which took ten months to complete, comprises a total of 12,000 words and its documentation another 16,000 words of Appendix. Included in the report is the transcript of an all day question and answer session with Dr. Quinter Miller, Assistant General Secretary of the N.C.C.

An editorial in the Shreveport *Times*, April 23, 1961, had this to say regarding the men who conducted the investigation and reported their findings:

"Doubtless the Vestry Committee will be the target of a barrage of attack from the NCC, perhaps patterned on its recent name-calling of critics as 'handmaidens of Communist techniques.' But the St. Mark's Committee needs no defense. Its members have served not only their own Episcopal faith, but all Protestantism and all Christianity. The names and reputations of the Committee members constitute a hallmark which in itself will withstand any assault that can be made."

Of the report itself the editorial said: "... the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. is a devastating revelation of controversial political propaganda activities by that huge organization of 34 Protestant Communions (denominations) with 39,000,000 members.

"The Vestry Committee Report fully documents its findings that the N.C.C. is 'a harmful and danger-

ous institution' and operating as 'a Protestant Political Propaganda Hierarchy' when its own Constitution designates it as founded to 'manifest Oneness in Jesus Christ as Divine Lord and Saviour . . .'

"Acting on the Report, the St. Mark's Vestry called on the national Protestant Episcopal Church to withdraw from the N.C.C."

On April 24, 1961 The Shreveport *Times* reported that St. Marks Vestry passed a resolution urging the National Episcopal Church to withdraw from the N.C.C. The article said:

"On the basis of a committee report of the activities of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the United States, the vestry of St. Mark's Episcopal Church Friday afternoon passed a resolution enumerating its major grievances against the organization.

"In addition, the vestry voted to petition the Bishop of Louisiana to take the necessary steps in moving to withdraw the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America from the council."

One of the most erroneous conceptions presented by the N.C.C., and exposed by the Vestry committee, is that of the general board acting for a majority of the voting membership. The vestry committee learned that:

"The only General Board Pronouncement that has come to the Vestry Committee's attention in which a majority of the voting membership was recorded in the tally was a second federal aid to education Pronouncement passed at the Syracuse General Board meeting last February 22, 1961. This drew 87 affirmative votes, one more than a majority of the total voting membership."

The Vestry Committee outlined 19 controversial political subjects endorsed by the N.C.C. These will be dealt with in detail in a future issue of THE WEEKLY CRUSADER.

NCC IN CHURCH HISTORY

Rev. Paul Urbano, minister of All Saints Episcopal Church, Phoenix, Arizona, had the following to say about the NCC:

"This parish, at its annual meeting in January passed a resolution protesting the use of the National Council of the Churches of Christ as a political action group. That is, we protested against the fact that the power of the Christian churches affiliated with the council is being used as a lobby. We further protested that, although the impression is often given in the newspapers that the council represents us, it is not truly representative; and it is not nearly responsive enough to the will of the constituent congregations.

"... The day the church begins to act as the agent either of the left, or of the right, she becomes what the Pope was in the Middle Ages, herself a plaintiff or a defendant in cases she pretends to judge fairly.

"... Many leaders of the Ecumenical Movement, unquestionably, are striving for a union of the churches because they believe that is the will of God. But others of them, I fear, are trying to create a premature union because such union will create power. And what will be done with this power? It will be used to secure the kind of society the leaders of the united church think right. And is not the whole essence of the Protestant revolt against Rome the revolt against the notion that a united, powerful church should determine what is right in the political life of mankind?"

"What is this but another totalitarianism masquerading as 'ecumenicity?' And do not all totalitarians promise the Kingdom of God on earth? Marx, Hegel, Hitler — and the modern theologians who have lost their faith — they are all going to bring the Kingdom of God on earth. But the Kingdom of God is still the Kingdom of God, not any Kingdom of men. And Christ says clearly, 'My Kingdom is not of this world.'"

OPPOSITION GATHERS STRENGTH

From East and West, North and South, churches across the country are raising protests against the socialistic and anti-American pronouncements of the National Council of Churches. Some churches have severed their relationship with the quasi-ecclesiastical group — others have withdrawn support, resulting in the worst financial picture in years for the National Council. The rising tide of indignation voiced by Christians in individual churches has now reached the point of snowballing into nation-wide prominence — despite NCC efforts to refute or ignore the protests.

The courageous stand of many churches and church groups is represented in an open letter to President Kennedy by Rev. James Fowle, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Chattanooga, Tenn. The letter read:

"In reply to protest by Adult Classes of First Presbyterian Church of Chattanooga, Tenn., against the action of the Board of The National Council of Churches concerning the film 'Operation Abolition,' the Session of forty-five elders has unanimously requested me, as pastor, to write you this letter. We well know the opposition of your church and of you yourself personally to communism. We also affirm our unswerving opposition to communism, and to the activities of communist sympathizers. We have read with sorrow and apprehension the criticism of the Board of The National Council of Churches of the anti-communistic film 'Operation Abolition,' and the implied censure of the House Un-American Activities Committee. We have with enthusiastic approval shown this picture 'Operation Abolition' to our young people at the First Presbyterian Church, and it has been shown to all our high schools. We believe America needs to be awakened

and put on guard against communist infiltrations and communist techniques among our student groups.

"We want you to know that altho we are technically a part of the National Council of Churches, because of our denominational affiliation through the Presbyterian Church in the U.S. (Southern), they do not speak for, nor represent, us and our viewpoint in their criticism of the film 'Operation Abolition,' and of the House Un-American Activities Committee. We find ourselves completely out of sympathy and patience with many of the deliverances of the National Council of Churches and its Committees (such as their stand on admitting Red China as a member of the United Nations).

"We are Americans, and above that, Christians, and you are our President. We Presbyterians of the Session of the First Presbyterian Church, in accordance with our Scriptural injunction, pray for our President constantly. We will heartily fight with you against this enemy of all our freedoms, and our American Democratic way of life. May God bless you and give you courage to stand up to all Communists and their sympathizers, even should they be clothed in garments of ecclesiastical piety, and speak with unctuous 'patriotic' voices, but act in such ways as to comfort and encourage the destructive endeavors of those who would overthrow both Church and State. Do not be deceived by all the 'double-talk' of our day, for tho 'the voice is the voice of Jacob, the hands are the hands of Esau.'"

THE CONFLICT OF THE AGES

As Edgar Bundy so appropriately pointed out in his book *Collectivism in the Churches*, such a stand is nothing new for the Believer. The honest faith and spiritual insight of God-fearing men has occasioned a distinct cleavage between them and political and ecclesiastical rulers since the beginning of civilization. Hebrews 11:24-27 records of Moses:

"By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season;

"Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he had respect unto the recompense of the reward.

"By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king; for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible."

Churches and church leaders are finding that the lines today are clearly drawn. Joshua's question to Israel, "choose you this day whom ye will serve," rings today with emphatic clarity — *and the decision is being made with a resultant exodus from the ranks of the compromising, collectivist National Council of Churches.*